

FREAK OF THE TIDES.

At the Mouth of St. John River, Where Water Flows Up Hill.

Speaking of freaks of the tide, there is nothing in this world to equal the phenomenon at the mouth of the St. John river, where water flows up hill and down twice daily. These reversing falls are in a class by themselves in the world's natural curiosities.

The rise of the tide in the bay of Fundy, which ranges up to sixty feet, averages at St. John harbor twenty-eight or thirty feet.

At the mouth of the St. John river the great body of water is forced through a deep and narrow gorge. On the one side of this gorge the harbor opens; above it the St. John river, nearly 500 miles long, stretches away into the province of Quebec.

When the tide in the bay of Fundy is on the flow, the waters rise with such rapidity that the level in the harbor becomes in less than an hour considerably higher than the level in the river.

The water is forced through the gorge at such a rate that it literally falls up into the river, the height of this fall reaching at times fourteen feet. So great is the area of the river, so great is the amount of water rising in the harbor and so narrow is the gorge that it would take hours longer than the interval of any tide to bring the river level up to that of the harbor at high water.

As a consequence, after the tide has turned and is on the ebb in the harbor, the level is still so much higher than the river that the tide in the river continues to rise for two or three hours, the water still falling upward.

The same force works in the flow. After the water in the harbor has fallen until the level in the harbor and in the river are the same the fall downward begins. During the next few hours the harbor recedes until the drop from the river to the harbor is as much as sixteen or seventeen feet at the very lowest tide. Once more the tide turns inward and comes up quickly, but over three hours elapse before it is sufficiently high to counteract the downward flow from the river.

At half tide there is a period of something less than an hour when navigation is impossible.—Boston Globe.

WORTHLESS TESTIMONY.

The Way a Keen Irish Lawyer Worried Anthony Trollope.

Among the stories in "Pages From an Adventurous Life," by J. E. Preston-Muddock, is one that Lord Alverstone was wont to tell with appreciation. In a postoffice prosecution at Hertford assizes a clever Irish barrister appeared for the defendant, who was a poor letter carrier guilty of some irregularity. Among the witnesses was Anthony Trollope, then a government postoffice inspector. After he had given his testimony he was handed over to the lawyer for the defense for cross examination.

"What are you?" demanded the keen Irishman in a severe and commanding tone sonorous with a rich brogue.

"An official in the postoffice," answered Trollope, somewhat astonished by the lawyer's brusqueness.

"Anything else?" demanded the cross examiner, with a snap.

"Yes; an author." This a little proudly.

"What is the name of your last book?"

"Barchester Towers."

"Now, tell me, is there a word of truth in that book?"

"Well, it is what is generally called a work of fiction."

"Fiction!" with a scornful curl of the lip. "Fiction! That is to say, there isn't a word of truth in it from beginning to end?"

"I—I am afraid if you put it that way there isn't," stammered Trollope in an embarrassed way.

With a triumphant air, the lawyer turned to the jury.

"Gentlemen," he exclaimed, "how can you possibly convict a man on the evidence of a witness like this, who here in this court of justice unblushingly confesses that he has written a book in which there is not one word of truth!"

Trollope had fallen squarely into the pit dugged for him by his unscrupulous cross examiner.

A Grateful Lion.

A lieutenant of an English regiment stationed in Africa was hunting for big game. He was fearless, but for some reason he hesitated to shoot at the great lioness, that approached. Nearer and nearer she came and was limping. The big hearted soldier took out the thorn that he saw was in her foot, and she limped away gratefully, and the Britisher forgot the incident. Not so with her ladyship. She returned the next night, looked over the roster of the regiment and ate every officer that ranked the lieutenant, who, of course, by her act of gratitude was made a colonel.

Stage Caricatures.

The comedians supposed to be broadly humorous in our travesties are either made up as Irishmen with green whiskers or Germans verging on imbecility. In France the stage butt is a caricature of the English globe trotter; in Germany, a freak imitation of our depictions of Uncle Sam.—Travel Magazine.

All He Wanted.

"Well, what do you want?" asked the aeronaut of his assistant, who had begun to whimper.

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MONEY NEEDED.

Must Raise \$1,625,000 to Pay For 65,000 Shares Terminal Stock.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—One month more has been granted to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company in which to raise \$1,625,000 and buy the 65,000 shares in the Chicago Terminal Transfer Company held by the minority stockholders. This decision was reached at the adjourned meeting of stockholders in the terminal company yesterday. Another adjournment was accordingly taken to February 17.

If the Baltimore and Ohio management is unable to raise the money the minority interests may carry out their threat and attack the legality of the company's lease. Under it the Baltimore and Ohio pays \$100,000 per year for the use of the Grand Central station. The minority stockholders claim it is adequate. The possession of the Terminal Transfer property has been one of the points of controversy between the Morgan-Hill and the Harriman interests. The company is now in the hands of a receiver, with judgments and costs aggregating \$19,000,000 standing against it. The minority stockholders claim it is easily worth \$27,000,000 and would bring that sum if sold at auction were it not for the Baltimore and Ohio lease. This would mean an equity of \$8,000,000 or \$26 a share.

The management of the Baltimore and Ohio finally offered the minority stockholders \$25 a share for their holdings and the offer was accepted. The option expired on January 1, but by the action at the meeting yesterday, the Harriman interests are given until February 15 to make the purchase. It is said if this can be done, the Morgan-Hill interests will not seek to dislodge the Baltimore and Ohio but will consent to joint ownership.

ARTIST IS ROBBED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—When a caretaker visited the residence of Frederick Pinney Earle, the artist, at Monroe, Orange county, yesterday, he discovered that burglars had paid the place a visit, stealing or ruining pictures, china, rugs and bric-a-brac valued at more than \$25,000. Mr. Earle left about three months ago for Italy, following domestic complications, which gained wide publicity at the time.

LANGDON STILL SILENT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—Late tonight District Attorney Langdon refused to deny the statement which has gone about that Abraham Ruef has been granted immunity from prosecution and in return for the favor has promised to tell on the witness stand all he knows about the bribery charges against the "higher ups."

The Chronicle will say tomorrow: Langdon's manner and his words left no doubt in the minds of his hearers that immunity had been granted to Ruef. His hopeful demeanor the manifest satisfaction with which he regarded the successful termination of the negotiations left no room for doubt.

Whatever promises Ruef made are not to be learned from him, for he is, if possible, more non-committal than the district attorney.

He was in a very happy frame of mind however. He was told that Langdon had refused to divulge the results of the conference and remarked that "he was obliged to follow the very excellent sample set by the district attorney. He was anxious to learn whether the district attorney had not let some little intimation slip. When told that Langdon had let a very broad intimation slip and just the nature of it, he said that he would neither affirm, deny nor comment on it."

MAIL IN DANGER.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 14.—At 4:13 A. M., the Union Depot Annex, in which are located the offices of the Government Mail Transfer Station, and all express companies, is on fire and the loss is expected to be very heavy, entailing a loss of mail matter and express, which is stored there. No further particulars at this time.

At 5:15 a. m., the fire is believed to be under control and that the main building will be saved but the loss to the express companies, Pacific, Wells-Fargo, Adams, United States, and the Government Mail Transfer Station, is thought to be total. No estimates of damage are as yet obtainable.

GRAIN CLEARINGS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—The total grain clearings for the week ending January 11 from Pacific Coast ports amounted to 343,277 bushels of wheat, all of which is consigned to the United Kingdom from Portland, Or.

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